

Cal OES Daily Situation Report

December 18, 2017



A Bombardier 415 Superscooper makes a water drop on 12/17/17 on hot spots along the hillside east of Gibraltar Road as the Thomas Fire burns into its 14th day. Calmer conditions are allowing firefighters to go on attack against the stubborn blaze.

Photo Credit: Mike Eliason/Santa Barbara County Fire Department



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National Terrorism Advisory System



SITUATION SUMMARY

Cal OES Activation Status

State Operations Center	Inland Region EOC	Coastal Region EOC	Southern Region EOC
Level 3	Normal Operations	Normal Operations	Level 3

2017 December Wildfire Activations

- The State Operations Center (SOC) is activated at Level 3 with an operational period of 0700-1900 hours.
- The Cal OES Southern Region EOC (SREOC) is activated at Level 3 with an operational period of 0800-1700 hours.

2017 December Wildfire Cal OES Southern Region Emergency Operations Center Deployments

- 2 Cal OES Southern Region Senior Emergency Services Coordinators (ESCs) to Southern Region EOC
- 1 Cal OES Southern Region ESC to Southern Region EOC
- 1 Cal OES Inland Region Deputy RA to Southern Region EOC ([demobilizing today](#))

Presidential Major Disaster Declaration

- On 12/08/17, President Donald J. Trump declared that an emergency exists in the State of California and ordered Federal assistance to supplement State, tribal, and local response efforts due to the emergency conditions resulting from wildfires beginning on 12/04/17, and continuing.

Cal OES Fire and Rescue Branch Fire Resources Deployed to Wildfires in Southern California

- Please see the attached summary of resources assigned to the fires throughout Southern California, that includes OES Resources and Local Government Resources.

Access and Functional Needs Newsletter

The Office of Access and Functional Needs released Issue 6 of its quarterly publication, Rolling Perspective. This issue addresses lessons-learned, response and recovery efforts in support of the October 2017 Wildfires, integration efforts over the past year, and a look ahead to what's coming in 2018. Please follow this link for more information: [Rolling Perspective, Issue 6](#).

Cal OES COASTAL REGION

- Nothing significant to report.

Cal OES INLAND REGION

- Nothing significant to report.

Cal OES SOUTHERN REGION

- See Fire Activity slides.

FIRE ACTIVITY

Cal OES Fire Preparedness Levels

National	Northern California	Southern California
Preparedness Level 2	Preparedness Level 1	Preparedness Level 3
	Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode: 1	Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode: 2

Thomas, Vegetation Fire, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties

Location: Hwy 150 x Hwy 126, north of Santa Paula

Jurisdiction: Local DPA, SRA, Contract County

Per the Cal OES Duty Officers and ICS-209 as of [12/18/17 at 0636](#) hours:

- [270,500](#) acres, 45% contained
- Unified Command – Unified Command Ventura County, Santa Barbara County, City of Ventura, Los Padres National Forest, Ventura County Sheriff, CAL FIRE
- Active fire behavior with backing, flanking, and creeping
- Mandatory evacuations continue to be issued ahead of fire growth
- Structure threat continues

Activations

- Ventura County EOC is activated at Level 2, also covering the Town of Ojai
- Santa Barbara County EOC is activated at Level 3 (highest level)
- City of Santa Barbara EOC is activated at Level 2
- City of Carpinteria EOC is activated at Level 1 (lowest level)
- City of Montecito EOC is activated at Level 1 (highest level)

FIRE ACTIVITY

Thomas, Vegetation Fire, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties (continued)

Deployments

- 6 Cal OES Fire and Rescue Branch Assistant Chiefs (ACs) are deployed to the incident
- 2 Cal OES Law Enforcement Branch Assistant Chiefs to Santa Barbara EOC
- 1 Cal OES Southern Region Deputy RA to Ventura County EOC
- 1 Cal OES Southern Region ESC is deployed to the Ventura County EOC
- 1 Cal OES Southern Region ESC is deployed to Santa Barbara County EOC
- 1 Cal OES Inland Region Acting Deputy RA to the Ventura EOC (demobilizing today)
- 1 Cal OES Inland Region ESC is deployed to the Santa Barbara EOC
- 1 Cal OES CSTI Emergency Management Coordinator II is assigned to Santa Barbara County
- 7 Public Safety Communications Technicians (PSCT) are assigned
- 2 Public Safety Communications Technicians (PSCT) assigned to Prado mobilization fire support

FMAG

- On 12/05/17 the FMAG was approved by FEMA, FEMA 5224-FM-CA.
- On 12/07/17 the request to add Santa Barbara to the FMAG as a Contiguous County was approved.

Proclamations

- Ventura County has submitted a proclamation requesting a Gubernatorial Proclamation and a Presidential Declaration. There is no request for state assistance.
- The City of Ventura has submitted a proclamation. There are no requests for state or federal assistance.
- The City of Santa Paula has submitted a proclamation. There are no requests for state or federal assistance.
- On 12/05/17, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued an emergency proclamation for Ventura County due to the effects of the Thomas Fire, which has damaged critical infrastructure, destroyed hundreds of homes and caused the evacuation of residents.
- On 12/07/17, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued an emergency proclamation for Santa Barbara County due to the effects of the Thomas Fire, which has threatened homes and other structures and caused the evacuation of residents. The Governor also requested a Presidential Emergency Declaration for direct federal assistance to supplement the state and local emergency response to the fires burning in Southern California, following the emergency proclamations issued earlier this week for San Diego, Los Angeles and Ventura counties.
- On 12/08/17, the County of Santa Barbara submitted a proclamation of local emergency requesting CDAA funding and any other State and Federal funds that may be available

Evacuations

- Total – 21,320 mandatory evacuations for Santa Barbara County.

Mandatory:

- **Ventura County:** All mandatory evacuations have been lifted
- **Santa Barbara County**
 - East of Hwy 154, south of East Camino Cielo, west of Toro Canyon and north of Hwy 101 at Toro Canyon to South Salinas then north of Alameda Padre Serra and to Highway 192 west to 154. East of Toro Canyon to Casitas Pass Road north of Hwy 192 and south of East Camino Cielo.



FIRE ACTIVITY

Thomas, Vegetation Fire, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties (continued)

Shelters

- Ventura County Fairgrounds – Miners Building, 10 W Harbor Blvd., Ventura
 - Midnight Count: 260
- University of California Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, 515 Ocean Rd., Santa Barbara
 - Midnight Count: 250
- Animal Shelters:
 - Ventura County Humane Society, 402 Bryant St., Ojai
 - Ventura Fairgrounds horse sheltering area is full. Horses are being diverted to Earl Warren Showgrounds in Santa Barbara and Meadows of Moorpark.
 - Santa Barbara Humane Society (small animals), 5399 Overpass Rd., Santa Barbara
 - Earl Warren Showgrounds (large animals), 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara

Evacuation Center

- Santa Barbara Bowl, 1120 N. Milpas St., Santa Barbara.

Major Road Closures

- Hwy 154 closed from Cathedral Oaks Rd (Hwy 192) to Hwy 246
- Hwy 33 between Hwy 166 & Fairview Rd (Santa Barbara & Ventura Co)
- Hwy 192 between Camino Viejo & Hwy 150 (Santa Barbara Co)

Critical Infrastructure

Santa Barbara County:

- There are approximately 1,200 customers currently without power in Santa Barbara County.
- Southern California Edison is pre-staging generators throughout the County in response to the fire weather watch and “sundowners”.
- Twelve generators have been staged by Edison that will only be used to support in the event of a multiple day outage.
- The County Contingency planning for fuel and critical infrastructure emergency power backup is ready in case there are issues with extended power loss.

Recovery

- Local Assistance Center (LAC), Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd., Ventura
 - Hours of operation: 0900-1900 hours
- The Individual Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA) are scheduled to begin 12/18/17.

MAJOR ROAD / HIGHWAY / BRIDGE CLOSURES

Major Road Closures		
Northern California	Central California	Southern California
No Lifeline Route Closures	No Lifeline Route Closures	No Lifeline Route Closures

Lifeline Routes

- There are no lifeline route closures.

Non-Lifeline Routes:

- There are no lifeline route closures.

Wildfire Closures:

Santa Barbara County:

- SR 192 was closed from Camino Viejo Rd. in Montecito to the junction of SR 150. The route has not reopened.

Emergency Center Activations:

- There are no Emergency Center activations at this time.

Interactive Travel Forecast Map Based on Weather Conditions Provided by National Weather Service (Prototype)

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/wrh/travel/?wfo=mtr>



Click on the Caltrans Logo to check
current highway conditions.
You can also call 1-800-427-7623 for
current highway conditions.



California 911 System

CA 911 Outages		
Northern California	Central California	Southern California
No 911 Outages	No 911 Outages	911 Outages

911 Outages/Remote/Community Isolations:

Montecito, Santa Barbara County

On 12/17/17 at 0633 hours. The CSWC was notified that the Montecito Fire Protection District 9-1-1 call taking equipment was down due to UPS failure.

- Call taking is being handled at Santa Barbara County Sheriff. Support is being provided by Montecito FPD staff that have relocated to the Sheriff's Department.

As of 12/16/17 at 1838 hours, the CA 911 Branch reported that Montecito Fire Protection District 9-1-1 has returned to their building, but they are still having trouble with their call taking equipment.

- They will open a ticket with their vendor to resolve the issue.
- Santa Barbara County Sheriff covers the Montecito and Summerland jurisdiction, and they are fully operational.

Santa Paula, Ventura County 911 Outage

On 12/05/17, the Frontier Santa Paula remote central office in Ventura County reported that 329 landlines had no dial tone due to power failure as a result of the Thomas Fire. Currently, these customers are unable to dial out to 911. However, wireless service is not impacted at this time. The Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), Ventura County Sheriffs Office (VCSO), are taking calls normally and have been notified of the isolation.

- Per the CA 911 Branch on [12/18/17 at 0701](#) hours:
 - Per Frontier, the Topa Hut remote office has been temporarily restored through a microwave shot from the South Mountain.
 - Dial tone is restored for customers with access lines and wiring that is in tact.
 - Individual customers with damaged distribution lines are still out of landline service.
 - Destroyed lines and poles in the area will need to be repaired before service can be re-established fully.
 - Repair work is in progress, as some access to the affected area is now being granted.
 - Frontier Communications teams continue to assess damage when allowed into affected areas and have replaced 17-poles thus far.
 - No ETTR has been provided at this time for full restoral.

California 911 System (cont.)

Service Interruptions:

Per the CA 911 Branch on 12/14/17 at 1844 hours:

Due to massive infrastructure damage caused by the Thomas Fire, the ongoing wireline community isolation in Santa Paula will not be resolved in the immediate future.

- A temporary microwave solution is being stood up in the area, however even with the microwave solution, those individuals customers with damaged distribution lines will still be out of landline service.
- No ETTR has been provided at this time.

WEATHER OF CONCERN

Weather of Concern

- A fast-moving weather system will bring a quick shot of precipitation to the Northern California region Tuesday night into Wednesday. Travel impacts will be possible across the northern Sierra Nevada beginning late Tuesday night and continuing through much of Wednesday.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County:

- <https://alerts-v2.weather.gov/counties/CA>

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

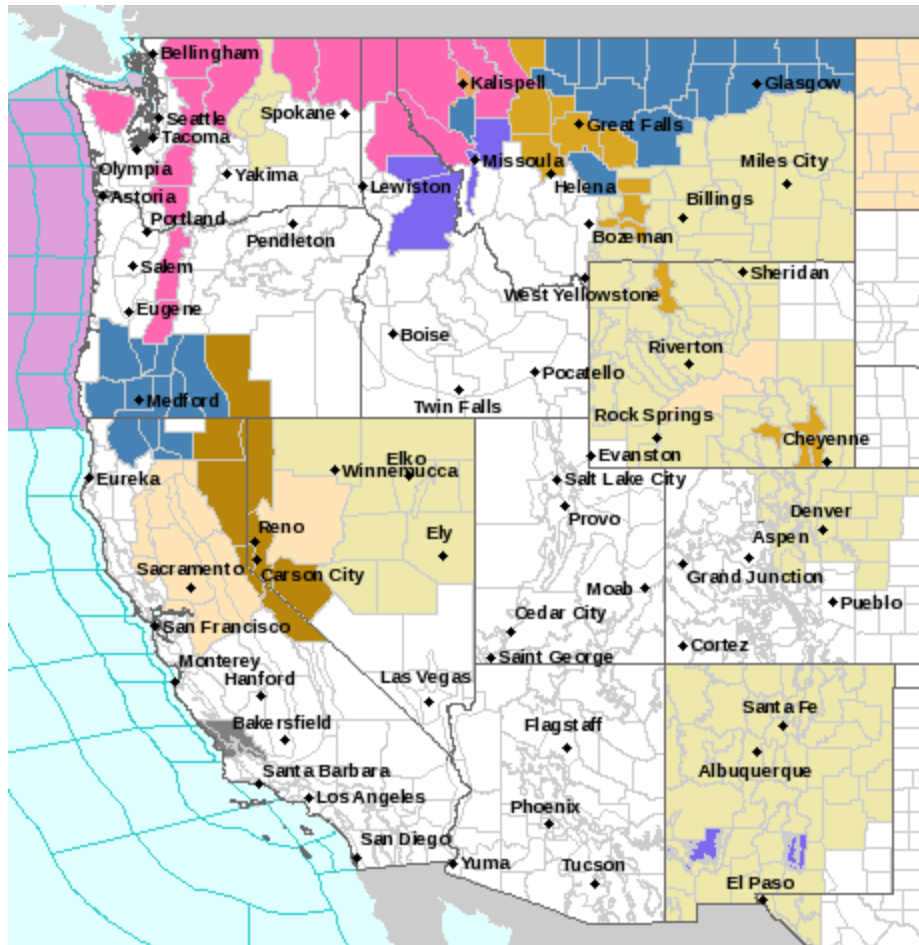
Ridging will lead to much lighter and more variable wind conditions today and tonight. Minimum humidity values will generally be in the 20s and 30s across the North Ops region with the exception of much higher readings near the coast. The ridge will break down Tuesday into Tuesday night due to a vigorous cold frontal passage. Models have been trending stronger with the frontal passage the past few days so precipitation chances have risen. The Pacific storm system will be a quick hitter and provide wetting moisture to portions of the region, especially favoring the North Coast, Northwest Mountain and Northern Sierra Predictive Service Areas. Most other areas should at least see some measurable precipitation as the front moves through. The main precipitation period would be late afternoon Tuesday through Wednesday morning. The other big weather story will be the pre-frontal and post-frontal wind. Expect increasing southerly winds Tuesday afternoon and Tuesday night. General gusts will range between 30 to 40 mph but peak values as high as 60 mph favoring the Cascade and Sierra crests. Humidity values will be marginally low in localized areas, otherwise expect rising humidity with the southerly wind flow. The Sacramento Valley and northern portions of California will also experience the stronger wind gusts. Gusty and drier N to NE winds will impact the region Wednesday and Thursday. The northerly winds don't appear to be as strong compared to the past weekend event. A much lighter wind flow is expected to develop on Friday and last into the weekend. Drier conditions would resume late week and last into the weekend. The long string of near to above normal temperatures, since the beginning of the month, will take a reprieve Wednesday and Thursday due to the cold frontal passage.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Moderate to strong north to northeast winds Wednesday night through Thursday afternoon

A weak ridge of high pressure over California will cause temperatures to be 5 to 10 degrees above normal through Tuesday, with 50s to low 60s across the mountains and mid 60s to mid 70s in the valleys. Minimum humidity will be mainly in the teens through Tuesday. There will be local offshore winds of 10 to 20 mph with gusts to 30 mph across Southern California this morning. A trough will drop into the Great Basin from the Pacific Northwest bringing a little below normal temperatures to the region Wednesday. Scattered showers with less than a tenth of an inch of rainfall will move over Central California Wednesday and across Southern California Wednesday night. The snow level will be around 5,000 feet. Westerly winds of 20 to 40 mph with gusts to 60 mph will surface across the mountain ridges and desert passes Wednesday. There will be northerly winds of 20 to 40 mph with gusts to 60 mph across the South Coast of Santa Barbara and the Grapevine Wednesday night then these northerly winds will spread across the rest of Southern California Thursday, but decrease to 15 to 25 mph with gusts to 40 mph. Minimum humidity will drop into the single digits and teens on Thursday. The weather at this time is uncertain for Friday through this weekend as computer models continue to bounce around, but temperatures look to be near or a little below normal.

WEATHER MAP



- [Winter Storm Warning](#)
- [High Wind Warning](#)
- [Gale Warning](#)
- [Winter Weather Advisory](#)
- [Small Craft Advisory For Rough Bar](#)
- [Small Craft Advisory](#)
- [Avalanche Watch](#)
- [Winter Storm Watch](#)
- [High Wind Watch](#)
- [Special Weather Statement](#)
- [Air Quality Alert](#)
- [Air Stagnation Advisory](#)
- [Hazardous Weather Outlook](#)



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Cal OES LAW ENFORCEMENT MISSIONS

Cal OES Law Missions

- **2017-LAW-44152, 12/18/2017, 0015 hours,** Imperial County Sheriff's Office(ICSO) requesting SAR Mutual Aid to assist in searching for a missing 27 year old female last seen near the area of Mid Wells Road and Hwy 78. At 0042 hours, LDO talked with ICSO dispatch, who confirmed they had not located the MP and was still requesting SAR Mutual Aid, ground searchers. ICSO dispatch said they would have the IC contact the LDO. **Update:** At 0138 hours, ICSO SAR Coordinator advising the MP was located near Niland, alive and well. ICSO requesting to cancel any SAR Mutual Aid response. **Mission Cancelled.**
- **2017-LAW-44137, 12/16/17, 2000 hours,** Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department (SBSD) is requesting LEMA resources to assist with evacuations, traffic and security. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) is responding with (1) Mobile Field Force (MFF). SBSD is requesting that the MFF be on scene at 0800 hrs., on 12/17/2017. **Update:** 12/17/2017, 1800 hours, LASD MFF demobilized back to home base. **Mission Closed.**

Emergency Management Assistance Compact

Cal OES Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) Missions

- **2017-FIRE-43709:** On 12/05/17, the Cal OES EMAC Coordinator, in support of the Cal OES Fire Branch, sent an EMAC broadcast to 8 States requesting 50 Engine Strike Teams for a total of 250 engines.
 - Oregon – 15 strike teams (75 engines total) committed and currently assigned to fire incidents in California.
 - Montana – 1 strike team and 2 task forces (17 engines total) committed and currently assigned to fire incidents in California.
 - Idaho – 2 task forces (10 engines total) committed and currently assigned to fire incidents in California.
 - New Mexico – 1 task force (5 engines total) committed and currently assigned to fire incidents in California.
 - Utah – 5 task forces (31 engines total) committed and currently assigned to fire incidents in California.
 - Washington – 2 strike teams (10 engines total) committed and currently assigned to fire incidents in California.
 - Total number of engines is 148
 - The Cal OES Fire Branch is working with the other states on availability of the remaining engines.
 - **Interstate Compact** – Nevada (5 engines total) and currently assigned to fire incidents in California.
- **2017-FIRE-44093:** 2017 December wildfires have resulted in an increased need for Imagery Awareness and Assessment (IAA) operations to support CALFIRE suppression efforts in Southern California. MQ-9 crews from the state of Texas to support 24/7 operations of the MQ-9 in support of the Southern California Fires.
- **2017-SOC-43430:** Cal OES Individual Assistance (IA) Branch requested two (2) IA Coordinators in support of the 2017 October Statewide Fire Recovery efforts.
 - Two (2) IA Coordinators from the State of Washington will provide support in a Joint Field Office, Local Assistance Center, or in the field as needed.
 - One (1) IA Coordinator from the State of Washington demobilized and traveled back home, 12/15/17.
 - One (1) IA Coordinator from the State of Washington will continue to provide support in a Joint Field Office, Local Assistance Center, or in the field as needed until 12/23/17.

Cal OES MISSION TASKING

Cal OES Missions

- **2017-SOC-44098:** CalRecycle Debris Management Team in Ventura County.
- **2017-FIRE-44093:** CNG Personnel needed to support and sustain 24 hour mapping of MQ-9 (On Scene)
- **2017-SOC-44022:** Two E-BAM (air monitors) from Air Resources Board/Office of Emergency Response to monitor smoke from the Thomas Fires. Location one: Olga Reed Elementary School (480 Centennial St., Los Alamos); location Two: Carpinteria City Hall (5775 Carpinteria Ave, Carpinteria) (On Scene)
- **2017-SOC-43934:** City of Ventura requested ten Safety Assessment Program (SAP) inspectors to assist with building inspections due to damage from the Thomas Fire. Requested to report to Ventura City EOC on 12/12/17 at 0800 hours.
- **2017-SOC-43821:** DTSC to remove household hazardous waste from over 500 residential lots in Ventura County.
- **2017-SOC-43711:** CDPR (DPR) to deliver ice to Cal OES SOC for drinks and meals, on a continual basis until fire event is over.
- **2017-SOC-43628:** FAST Team Lead to report to Ventura EOC.
- **2017-FIRE-43624:** Aircraft with all support personnel for infrared imagery and perimeter mapping.
- **2017-SOC-43610:** SOC requesting from CNG two personnel from CA State Military Reserve (CSMR) Air Mission Support Team (AMST) to support the air coordination group. The estimate is 21 days duration.
- **2017-SOC-43584:** LNOs and support personnel to assist SREOC, Ventura County IC and the ACG in Ventura, Los Angeles, San Diego and San Bernardino counties.
- **2017-SOC-43581:** Operational distribution point (State Staging Area) in Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base (JFTB) to assist with affected areas.
- **2017-FIRE-43576:** Four National Guard Type-1 helicopters with water dropping buckets and personnel transport capabilities, two National Guard MAFF's.
- **2017-FIRE-43571:** Two Modular Airborne Firefighting Systems (MAFFS) C-130J models activated to perform aerial firefighting operations in Southern California including water dropping with facilities opened at Channel Islands to support MAFFS Operations.
- **2017-FIRE-43624:** One National Guard Remotely Piloted (MQ-9) with infrared imagery.
- **2017-SOC-43628:** FAST Team Lead needed to report to Ventura County EOC.
- **2017-SOC-43565:** CalTrans Agency Rep for SOC support.
- **2017-Cal OES-42559:** Weather station installed to gather real time rainfall data by Air Resources Control Board (On Scene)



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